

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lift-recliner chair comprising a base portion having a pair of upstanding rigid side panels and a rigid rear panel extending between the side panels, a seat portion pivotally connected to the base portion, a back portion pivotally connected to the seat portion and actuator means for moving the seat portion with respect to the base portion between a fully retracted position and a fully raised position to alter the configuration of the chair, the actuator means also for moving and the back portion with respect to the seat portion to alter the configuration of the chair, wherein the actuator means is located between the side and rear panels of the base portion, ~~and~~ wherein the seat portion has a pair of downwardly depending rigid side panels and a rigid rear panel, and wherein the side and rear panels of the seat portion and the side and rear panels of the base portion overlap and nest with each other, respectively, in both the fully retracted and fully raised positions which nest with the side and rear panels of the base portion to enclose a region containing the actuator means in all configurations of the chair including the fully retracted and fully raised positions.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A lift recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the seat portion is nested within and extendable from the base portion.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the seat portion is pivoted with respect to the base portion about a pivot axis positioned towards a front of the base portion.

6. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the seat portion is pivotally connected to the side panels of the base portion.

7. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the back portion comprises a generally rectangular frame and a pair of pivot arms which extend from the frame and pivotally connect the frame to the seat portion.

8. (Original) A lift recliner chair as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the pivot arms pivotally connect the back portion to the side panels of the seat portion.

9. (Withdrawn) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the pivot arms comprise part of a bell-crank arrangement for moving the back portion about a pivot axis spaced from the said rectangular frame.

10. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the pivot arms extend parallel with and adjacent to respective vertical side panels of the seat portion on an interior side thereof.

11. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the back portion pivots away from the seat portion when the seat portion is moved towards an inclined position.

12. (Previously Presented) A lift recliner chair as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the back portion pivots away from the seat portion when the seat portion is moved by the actuator means to a pre-determined position between the lowered and inclined position of the seat portion.

13. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the actuator means comprises a first actuator for moving the seat portion and a second actuator for moving the back portion.

14. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 13 wherein the first and second actuators are mounted in fixed relation to the base portion.

15. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 13 wherein the first actuator is fixed in relation to the base portion and the second actuator is fixed in relation to the seat portion.

16. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the base portion further comprises a front panel and the front panel is pivotally movable with respect to the side and rear panels of the base portion for movement from a generally vertical position to a generally horizontal position to provide a retractable foot rest.

17. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the actuator means comprises a third actuator fixed in relation to the side panels of the base portion for moving the front panel about a pivot axis.

18. (Withdrawn) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the said front panel is pivotally moveable with respect to the base portion about a pivot axis corresponding substantially to the position of the seated user's knee joint.

19. (Withdrawn) A lift recliner chair as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the pivot axis of the said front panel is coincident with the pivot axis connecting the seat portion to the base portion.

20-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the actuator means comprises a linear actuator.

32. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said actuator means is enclosed within the base portion on the underside of the seat portion.

33. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in claim 7, wherein the pivot arms extend substantially parallel with and adjacent to respective side panels of the seat portion on an interior side thereof.

34. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seat portion is pivotally connected to the base portion about a first pivot axis and pivotally connected to the back portion about a second pivot axis, and wherein the rear panel of the seat portion is curved having a center of curvature substantially coincident with the first pivot axis.

35. (Previously Presented) A lift-recliner chair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the side panels of the seat portion and the side panels of the base portion extend substantially vertically in an upright configuration of the chair and substantially parallel with and adjacent to each other on respective sides of the chair.

36. (Currently Amended) A lift-recliner chair comprising:

- a base portion having a pair of upstanding rigid side panels and a rigid rear panel extending between the side panels;
- a seat portion pivotally connected to the base portion;
- a back portion pivotally connected to the seat portion; and
- an actuator for moving the seat portion with respect to the base portion between a fully retracted position and a fully raised position to alter the configuration of the chair, the actuator also for moving and the back portion with respect to the seat portion to alter the configuration of the chair, wherein the actuator is located substantially between the side and rear panels of the base portion, ~~and~~ wherein the seat portion has a pair of downwardly depending rigid side panels and a rigid rear panel, wherein the side and rear panels of the seat portion and the side and rear panels of the base portion overlap and nest with each other, respectively, in both the fully retracted and fully raised positions which nest with the side and rear panels of the base portion to enclose a region containing the actuator ~~substantially enclosed within the base portion in all configurations of the chair~~ including the fully retracted and fully raised positions.